

REMARKS

[0002] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-12, 15-18, 48-59, 61-63, 84-87, 93 and 94 are currently pending
- No Claims are canceled herein
- No claims are withdrawn herein
- Claims 1-2, 11, 17, 48, 53-59, 61, and 63 amended herein
- No new claims are added herein

Cited Documents

[0003] The following documents (referred to collectively as DragThing in the Office Action) have been applied to reject one or more claims of the Application:

- *APPLE: A DragThing Review from Applelinks,*
(<http://www.applelinks.com/reviews/dragthing-v4.shtml>)
- *DT1: The about information off of the DragThing website using web.archive.org,*
(<http://web.archive.org/web/20020524155927/http://www.dragthing.com>)
- *DT2: Version history of DragThing from version 1.0 – 4.3 located on the main website of DragThing, (<http://www.dragthing.com/English/history4.html>)*

DragThing Fails to Anticipate Claims 1-3, 5-12, 15-18, 48-59, 61-63, 84-87, 93 and 94

[0010] Claims 1-3, 5-12, 15-18, 48-59, 61-63, 84-87, 93 and 94 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by *DragThing*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Independent Claim 1

[0011] Applicant submits that the Office has not shown that *DragThing* anticipates this claim. *DragThing* does not disclose the following features of this claim, as amended (with emphasis added):

A method for managing at least two software applications on a display of a computer system comprising:

instantiating a first software application on the computer system;

instantiating an other than a first software application on the computer system;

rendering the first software application in a first graphical window on a first portion of the display and in a first graphic control on a second portion of the display as a result of the instantiation of the first software application;

rendering the other than the first software application in an other than the first graphical window on the first portion of the display and in an other than the first graphic control on the second portion of the display as a result of the instantiation of the other than the first software application; and

while the first software application and the other than the first software application are instantiated:

obtaining an indication to organize the first graphic control and the other than the first graphic control in a group, wherein obtaining the indication includes rendering a set of guides representing inclusion or exclusion from one or more possible groupings in the second portion of the display;

grouping the first and the other than the first graphic controls on the second portion of the display according to the obtained indication; and

rendering the grouping in a bordered group in the second portion of the display,

the bordered group including the first and the other than the first graphic controls and a graphic group control.

[0012] Claim 1 recites in part, “while the first software application and the other than the first software application are instantiated: obtaining an indication to organize the first graphic control and the other than the first graphic control in a group.” Applicant respectfully notes that to anticipate a claim, the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim.

[0013] However, the Office cites DT2, page 17 paragraph 2 and page 21 paragraph 4 as teaching grouping the first and the other than first graphic controls on the second portion of the display according to the obtained indication. (Office Action, page 6.) DT2 describes dragging multiple items to an empty square in a dock will add them all if there is enough space (see DT2, page 21 paragraph 4)..Thus, the cited portion of DT2 is silent with respect to “while the first software application and the other than the first software application are instantiated: obtaining an indication to organize the first graphic control and the other than the first graphic control in a group” as recited in Claim 1.

[0014] The other cited references fail to cure the foregoing deficiencies of DT2. Consequently, DragThing does not disclose all of the elements and features of this claim. Applicant therefore submits that DragThing does not anticipate this claim, and respectfully requests that the rejection of this claim be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims 2-12 and 15-18

[0015] Claims 2-12 and 15-18 ultimately depend from independent claim 1. As discussed above, claim 1 is not anticipated by the cited documents, and is therefore allowable over the cited documents. Therefore, claims 2-12 and 15-18 are also allowable over the cited documents of record for at least their dependency from an allowable base claim. These claims may also be allowable for the additional features that each recites.

Claims 48-59, 61-63, 84-87, 93 and 94 Are Patentable Over DragThing

[0016] Claim 48-59, 61-63, 84-87, 93, and 94 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being anticipated by *DragThing*. Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing comments regarding DragThing apply with equal weight here. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 48-59, 61-63, 84-87, 93, and 94 be withdrawn.

Claim 4 is Non-Obvious Over DragThing

[0017] Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over *DragThing*. Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing comments regarding DragThing apply with equal weight here. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 4 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

[0018] Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned representative for the Applicant before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee & Hayes, PLLC
Representative for Applicant

_____/Robert L. Villhard/

Dated: June 23, 2009

Robert L. Villhard (bob@leehayes.com; 512-505-8162 x5005)
Registration No. 53725

Reviewer/Supervisor: *Robert C. Peck (robp@leehayes.com 206-876-6019)*
Registration No. 56826